

PUBLIC MEETING

April 16, 2013

The Verona Board of Education of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in regular session on April 16, 2013 in the Verona High School Media Center at 6:29 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Quattrocchi. A statement was made that the meeting had been properly advertised in the designated newspapers and the agendas were posted at the appropriate locations.

The following members of the Board were present: Mr. John Quattrocchi, President, Mr. Michael Unis, Vice President, Mr. Joseph Bellino, Ms. Dawn DuBois, and Mr. Glenn Elliott. Also present were: Mr. Steven Forte, Superintendent, and Ms. Cheryl Nardino, Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

Resolved that the Board meet in private session, from which the public shall be excluded, to discuss the topics of negotiations and personnel or potential litigation which private discussion is being held pursuant to Section 7b and 8 of the Open Public Meeting Act. The matters under discussion will be disclosed to the public as soon as final decisions are made and voted upon.

Moved by: Mr. Unis

Seconded by: Mr. Bellino

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

The Board convened to a confidential session on April 16, 2013 in the Board Office Conference Room at 6:30 p.m.

The Regular meeting reconvened to the regular session, in the Verona High School Media Center, at 8:00 p.m.

Thirty citizens and one member of the press were present.

Public Comment on Agenda Items- None

Presentations

- Mr. Gary Farishian, Athletic Director, presented winter sports wrap-up
- Mr. Nick Klose presented the VFEE Spring Grants

Committee Reports

Education

- Teacher evaluation system, implementation and training
- New evaluation form for para-professionals
- Faculty professional development
- Elementary basic skills instruction
- April 30th curriculum update presentation
- First reading of Policy 5120- Assignment of Pupils
- Blue Planet Training, August 26th
- Personnel resolutions

Athletics

- Substance abuse policy and code of conduct
- Freshman sports financed by corporate sponsors
- Deca trip
- Ice hockey agreement with Glen Ridge to be approved
- Coaching resignations
- Coaching approvals for the year will be done on one resolution
- Received sportsmanship award for basketball

Finance

- On-line energy auction. Recommending doing it on two meters for six months
- Complete physical asset inventory to be performed
- Resolution on next board meeting to sell 1999 economy van
- Resolution on tonight's agenda opposing Senate Bill 1191 and Assembly Bill 3627

Buildings and Grounds

- Track repairs for the summer
- LGEA energy audit kick-off April 30th
- Door replacements to be completed by the end of April
- Mylan and EI are working on referendum reports that will be done for the board May/June
- In the coming weeks, the French & Parrello report will be completed on the football field
- Board has to start planning public meetings on the referendum

Superintendent's Report

- Security update
 - VHS camera and intercom out of order. A substitute teacher hired to man the front door.
 - Plan made with VPD Chief Huber
 - Security meeting tomorrow evening is rescheduled
- Reverse auction for electric service scheduled for this month
- School Report Cards- important to see that high performing districts are difficult to compare using the current formula. Example: the difference between being significantly lagging in the group and high/very high performance.
 - HSPA LAL is 96% proficient yet peer percentile is 13%
 - PSAT rate- does not account for all sophs taking free version
 - Ms. Jewett will update the public and BOE on our curriculum initiatives April 30
- Ads update- corporate sponsors for Freshman Basketball
- Assignment of pupils policy discussion
- Blue Planet training August 26
- Laning community would like to make a donation in honor of Frank Albano

Discussion-None

RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions have been recommended by the Superintendent to the Board of Education:

RESOLVED that the Board approve **Resolutions #1-2**

Moved by: Mr. Unis

Seconded by: Mr. Elliott

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#1 RESOLVED that the Board approve the minutes of the following meetings:

Confidential & Regular Public Meeting **March 26, 2013**

PERSONNEL

#2 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following personnel recommendations pending the completion of pre-employment requirements:

2.1 Substitutes and permanent lunchaide

Name	Location	Assignment	Salary	Term of employment	Department Committee
Blackham, Trent	District	Sub Teacher	\$85/day	SY 12-13	Education
Hogan, Jennifer	FNB	Sub Lunch Aide	\$12.50/hr.	SY 12-13	Education
Jumah, Tsahai	District	Sub Teacher	\$85/day	SY 12-13	Education
Mastrosimone, Elizabeth	District	Sub Teacher	\$85/day	SY 13-14	Education
Newman, James	District	Sub Teacher	\$85/day	SY 12-13	Education
Radek, Emerida	HBW	LTS Secretary	\$130.50/day	4/1/13-4/5/13	Education
Umbach, Susan	Forest	Perm. Lunch aide	\$12.50/hr.	SY 12-13	Education

2.2 Resignation

Name	Position	Reason	Location	Last Day of Employment
Granneman, Andrea	teacher	resignation	HBW	6/30/2013

RESOLVED that the Board approve **Resolutions #3-4**

Moved by: Mr. Elliott

Seconded by: Mr. Unis

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

EDUCATION & SPECIAL EDUCATION

#3 RESOLVED that the Board approve Blue Planet training at Verona High School on August 26, 2013.

#4 RESOLVED that the Board approve the first reading of the following policy:

5120 Assignment of Pupils

RESOLVED that the Board approve **Resolutions #5-6**

Moved by: Mr. Elliott

Seconded by: Mr. Bellino

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

CO-CURRICULAR/ATHLETICS

#5 RESOLVED that the Board approve reimbursement to Mitchell Roshong to attend the International DECA Competition in Anaheim, Calif. from April 24, 2013 to April 28, 2013:

Meals \$61/day x 1 adult x 5 days = \$305.00

Transportation - 2 round trip air fares
@ \$350 each \$700.00

Total paid by school store account = \$1,005.00

#6 RESOLVED that the Board approve the continuation of the cooperative sports program in ice hockey between Glen Ridge Board of Education and the Verona Board of Education for the 2013-2024 school year.

RESOLVED that the Board approve **Resolutions #7-8**

Moved by: Mr. Bellino

Seconded by: Mr. Unis

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

FINANCE

#7 RESOLVED that the Board approve the enclosed check lists for the following amounts:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Check Register Date</u>
\$1,836,646.77	Vendor Checks	4/3/13
\$ 1,004.20	Vendor Checks	4/4/13
\$ 1,843.54	Vendor Checks	4/5/13

#8 RESOLVED that the Board opposes Senate Bill 1191 and Assembly Bill 3627, which would remove a school board's option to subcontract services, thereby diverting funds from the classroom and burdening property taxpayers as per the attached resolution.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Insect problem at Verona High School

RESOLUTION TO ADJOURN

#9 RESOLVED that the Board meet in private session, from which the public shall be excluded, to discuss the topics of negotiations and personnel or potential litigation which private discussion is being held pursuant to Section 7b and 8 of the Open Public Meeting Act. The matters under discussion will be disclosed to the public as soon as final decisions are made and voted upon.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

The Meeting adjourned 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Cheryl A. Nardino
Board Secretary**